

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Brief Description of the Drawings beginning at page 3, line 5 of the present specification as follows:

Figure 1 is a schematic side view of ~~an~~ a first example embodiment of a fireplace having a first example flue connection member mounted thereon in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a schematic perspective view of ~~an example embodiment of a flue connection member shown in Figure 1 of the present invention;~~

Figure 3 is a schematic side view of the flue ~~plate of~~ attachment member shown in Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a schematic perspective view of the flue ~~plate of~~ attachment member shown in Figure 3 coupled to ducts;

Figure 5 is a schematic perspective view of ~~an~~ a second example embodiment of a flue connection-system attachment member aligned with a first example fireplace connection member of the present invention;

Figure 6 is a schematic side view of the flue ~~plate~~ attachment member shown in of Figure 5;

Figure 7 is a schematic perspective view of the flue ~~connection-system~~ attachment member and fireplace connection member of Figure 5 assembled with the latches disengaged from the flue attachment member;

Figure 8 is a schematic perspective view of the flue ~~connection-system~~ attachment member and fireplace connection member of Figure 5 assembled with the latches engaged with the flue attachment member;

Figure 9 is a schematic perspective view of the flue ~~connection-system~~ attachment member and fireplace connection member of Figure 5 assembled with the latches disengaged from the flue attachment member and the fireplace connection member mounted to a second example fireplace;

Figure 10 is a schematic perspective view of the flue ~~connection-system~~ attachment member and fireplace connection member of Figure 5 assembled with the latches engaged with the flue attachment member and the fireplace connection member mounted to the second example fireplace with the latches engaged;

Figure 11 is a schematic side view of ~~an~~ a third example embodiment of a fireplace having a third example flue connection member mounted thereon in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 12 is a schematic exploded perspective view of ~~an~~ the third example embodiment of a flue ~~connection-system~~ attachment member aligned with a second example fireplace connection member of the present invention;

Figure 13 is a schematic side view of the flue ~~plate~~ attachment member shown in of Figure 12;

Figure 14 is a schematic top plan view of the flue ~~plate~~ attachment member shown in of Figure 12;

Figure 15 is a schematic perspective view of ~~an~~ a fourth example embodiment of a flue ~~connection-system~~ attachment member of the present invention;

Figure 16 is a schematic side view of the flue ~~plate~~ attachment member shown in of Figure 15; and

Figure 17 is a schematic perspective view of the flue ~~plate~~ attachment member shown in of Figure 16 coupled to ducts.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9 of the present specification as follows:

Referring now to Figure 1, a side view of ~~an~~ a first example embodiment of a fireplace 100 is shown. The fireplace 100 includes a combustion chamber enclosure 110. The fireplace 100 generally functions to ignite combustible gas using a gas burner unit 120. Two flue ducts 130, 140 in a co-lineal arrangement are attached to the fireplace 100. The fireplace 100 has vents for venting exhaust gases that are produced during combustion and bringing in fresh air to the combustion chamber enclosure 110. The vent includes vent openings in the fireplace 100, identified as outlet area 135 and inlet area 145 of the fireplace 100. Duct 130 ~~servers~~ serves to vent exhaust gases or combustion products from the fireplace 100. Duct 140 brings in fresh air to the fireplace 100. These flue ducts 130, 140 are coupled to the fireplace to match up with outlet area 135 and inlet area 145 of the fireplace 100 via a first example embodiment of a flue connection or attachment member 150.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 4 of the present specification as follows:

In another embodiment, a second example embodiment of a flue connection member 250 can be used with a fireplace connection member (appliance connection member) 220 that is attached to a fireplace. Fireplace connection member 220 and ~~[[a]]~~ the flue connection member 250 of this embodiment are shown in Figure 5. Although fireplace connection member 220 is shown in use with a fireplace, connection member 220 can be used or modified to be used with any other appliance.

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 9, line 19 of the present specification as follows:

The fireplace plate 225 has two openings 235, 245. These openings 235, 245 match up with an outlet area and an inlet area of the fireplace (such as those shown in Figure 1). The fireplace plate 225 also includes seats ~~275~~ 265, 285, which surround the openings 235, 245. These seats ~~275~~ 265, 285 match up with the area of the lower extending portions 262, 272 shown in Figure 6. Additionally, the fireplace plate 225 has several tabs (or extensions) 290. Tabs 290 match up with the notches 275 in the flue plate 255. As shown in Figure 5, the tabs 290 do not have to be of the same size. Rather it is only necessary that the tabs 290 be proportioned to match appropriately with their respective ~~holes~~ notches 275.

When attaching the flue plate 255 to the fireplace plate 225, the flue plate 255 can be easily guided into the proper position by using the tabs 290 and notches 275, and by using the seats ~~275~~ 265, 285 and the lower extending portions 262, 272.

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 10, line 27 of the present specification as follows:

Referring now to Figure 11, a side view of ~~an~~ a second example embodiment of a coaxial duct fireplace 300 is shown. Fireplace 300 includes a combustion chamber enclosure 310. Fireplace 300 generally functions to ignite combustible gas using a gas burner unit 320. Two coaxial flue ducts 330, 340 are attached to Fireplace 300. Duct 330 ~~serves~~ serves to vent exhaust gases or combustion products from the fireplace 300. Duct 340 brings in fresh air to the

fireplace 300. Ducts 330, 340 are coupled to the fireplace to match up with outlet area 335 and inlet area 345 of fireplace 300.

As shown in Figure 12, the fireplace 300 includes a third example embodiment of a flue connection member 350. The flue connection member 350 includes flue plate 355 and two cylindrical extensions 360, 370. Cylindrical extensions 360, 370 are co-axial (concentric) in order to match up with co-axial flue ducts 330, 340. Flue plate 355 is preferably coupled to ducts 330, 340 by sliding ducts 330, 340 over cylindrical extensions 360, 370 and coupling ducts 330, 340 to cylindrical extensions 360, 370 by mechanical attachment, such as a collar with a screw-tightening member. Because of the arrangement of co-axial ducts 330, 340, there need only be one collar attached to the outside of the outer flue duct 340, which overlaps outside cylindrical extension 370.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 19 of the present specification as follows:

Referring to Figure 15, a schematic perspective view of the a fourth example embodiment of a flue connection member 550 is shown. Flue connection member 550 includes a flue plate 555. Although the flue connection member 550 includes a plate portion as shown in Figure 15, the flue connection member 550 can be formed in any suitable shape without departing from the scope of the present invention.